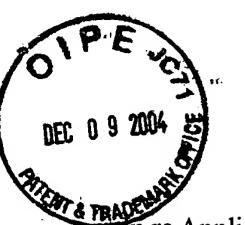
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AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED September 14, 2004

In response to the Office Action mailed September 14, 2004, Applicants respectfully request that the amendments set forth below be entered and request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action in light of these amendments and the remarks below.

As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply is December 14, 2004, this Response is considered timely filed.